

## **Writing an Autobiography**

**Now that you have read and researched a biographical novel, you get a chance to write your own biography/autobiography. You will write your life story in third person (ex: not using personal pronouns, such as "I") using the information from the rubric.**

**Some examples of topics are: Name, Birth Date, Where you were born, Where you were raised, parent(s)'s name(s), siblings, childhood, goals for the future, interesting facts, education, origin of name, ancestors, etc.**

**At the end of your biography, you will need to include a timeline of ten points summarizing the entire biography.**

**\*Remember each paragraph needs to have a topic sentence- a sentence that organizes the entire paragraph.**

### **EXAMPLE BIOGRAPHY**

In May of 2008 Jillian graduated from St.Thomas University in Fredericton, New Brunswick with a Bachelor of Arts degree majoring in English and Psychology. She always knew she wanted to be a teacher prior to her enrolment to St.Thomas. As a child, her parents dedicated a room in their house for Jillian to play school with her friends. Since then she desperately wanted to pursue this dream which is what has now brought her to the University of Presque Isle for her Teaching Certification.

For the past eighteen years of her life Jillian has been involved in a dance group in her hometown. She became a part of their competitive team where volunteering as assistants to the dance instructors was mandatory. This is where Jillian received her first experience in teaching. Through a few years of assisting for the dance school she was offered a full time position as an instructor. This allowed Jillian to experiment with teaching techniques for different types of learners. After her success in this she was then offered an honorary position in instructing a competitive group. To this day her competitive groups have placed first in several competitions across the Maritimes and in the United States.

For several summers Jillian has also been assigned positions as a day camp counsellor and Assistant Director at the Fredericton YMCA as well as Kingswood. These positions allowed Jillian to construct daily plans and activities for children from the ages of four to sixteen years old. As assistant director at Kingswood's summer day camps, not only was she in charge of the daily planning for the entire camp, but as well as dealing with the daily issues throughout the camp. Through these summers dedicated to her employment of working with children, she was able to examine the different character types of children and exercise her abilities to modify plans if needed.

Although Jillian has experience that looks good on paper the real experience that has been most influential is her family life. Jillian grew up as the youngest out of three children. The oldest is her brother Tim, who installs security and other electronic systems. Jillian's sister Chantal is the middle child;

she currently lives in Newfoundland with her husband and her one year old son Cooper. Their mother, Judy, and father, Jerry have been very influential in her life and have all faith in her to pursue her dreams in becoming a teacher. Through every educational decision Jillian has made they have stood behind her encouraging her every step of the way. Each family member has been essential in preparing Jillian for her profession in the educational system.

#### **TIMELINE**

<b>1978</b>	<b>Brother Time was Born</b>
<b>1983</b>	<b>Sister Chantal was Born</b>
<b>1985</b>	<b>Jillian was Born</b>
<b>1991</b>	<b>Began Grade One</b>
<b>1991</b>	<b>Began Dance Lessons</b>
<b>1994</b>	<b>Became a Competitive Dancer</b>
<b>1995</b>	<b>Became an assistant to her dance instructors</b>
<b>2001</b>	<b>Became a dance instructor</b>
<b>2003</b>	<b>Graduated from High School</b>
<b>2003</b>	<b>Began University</b>
<b>2004</b>	<b>Became a competitive dance instructor</b>
<b>2008</b>	<b>Graduated from University</b>